



PATENT APPLICATION

Applicant: Borders et al.

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Title: BARIATRIC SURFACE FOR AN
OPERATING ROOM TABLE

Group: 3673 Examiner: Santos, R.

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction requirement mailed July 16, 2004, Applicant hereby elects the species of group 4. Applicant submits that claims 1-19, 21-23, 25-27, 32, 33, 35, 36, and 38-40 read on the elected invention. Furthermore, claims 1, 3-6, 8-15, 21-23, 25-27, 32, 33, 35, and 38-40 are believed to be generic with respect to Group 4 and one or more of the other identified species. Accordingly, claims 20, 24, 28-30, 34, and 37 are hereby withdrawn pending the allowance of a generic claim from which they depend. Claim 31 is hereby cancelled.